

COUNTRY Czechoslovakia

TOPIC Reorganization of Military Districts and Troop Units in Czechoslovakia

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1. Prior to November 1951, the number of military districts in Czechoslovakia was reduced from three to two, with the 1st MD covering the area of Bohemia and the 2d, covering Moravia and Slovakia. The Hq 2d MD was located in Trencin (P 49/T 58). For this purpose the former military district headquarters in Bratislava (P 49/X 99) was moved to Trencin, and some of the officers with their dependents were billeted in Trencianske Teplice (P 49/T 53).

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2. Officers of the 2d MD included General Janda (fnu), commanding officer; General Tokan (fnu), chief of staff; Colonel Marik, commander of the 9th Inf Div in Trnava (P 49/T 22); and General Marcelly (fnu), commander of the Bratislava military post. *
3. Army corps known in Slovakia were the IV Corps in Trencin and the V Corps in Banska Bystrica. Component units of the IV Corps included the 22d Mta Arty Bn; the 109th and 110th Arty Regts and the 307th Hv Arty Bn in Zilina (Q 50/O 92); the 2d Railroad Bn and the 188th AAA Regt in Lipt.Sv. Mikulas (Q 50/D 19); the 39th Inf Regt, the 62d Inf Bn, the 4th Engr Regt, the 11th Engr Bn, the 153d AAA Regt and the 11th Motor Trans Bn in Bratislava; the Hq 9th Inf Div and the 7th Inf Regt in Trnava; the 9th Arty Regt and the 317th Hv Arty Bn in Topolcany (P 49/T 64); the 4th Arty Regt and the 189th AAA Regt in Trencin; the 12th Inf Regt in Lovice (Q 49/U 01); the 259th AT Arty Bn in Senica (P 49/T 05); the 16th Machine Gun Bn in Malacky (P 49/S 02); the 53d Mta Arty Regt in Bzenec (P 49/S 98); Railroad Depot No 2 in Hove Mesto n. Vahom (P 49/C 36); and the 308th Hv Arty Bn in Kosice (R 49/E 34). Component units of the V Corps included the 5th Arty Regt in Banska Bystrica; the 11th Inf Regt in Poprad (Q 50/D 68); the 20th Inf Regt in Presov (R 49/E 37); the 10th Inf Div, the 32d Inf Regt, the 11th Arty Regt and the 261st AT Arty Bn in Kosice. **

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comment. According to newspaper reports, SMZ General Janda (fnu) was chief of Department III of the Ministry of Interior. No other general of this name has been identified with the army during recent years. General Tokan (fnu) is probably identical with the colonel of the General Staff of this name, who was reported to have been an instructor at the military academy in November 1949. General Kalina (fnu) was repeatedly confirmed as the commander of the 9th Inf Div until December 1950. General Marcelly (fnu) was mentioned in Czech newspapers of September 1951 as holding an appointment in Bratislava.

comment. The IV Army Corps in Brno, the V Army Corps in Trencin and the VI Army Corps in Banska Bystrica are known from previous reports. The VI Corps was allegedly deactivated as early as 1948. Except for the 16th Machine Gun Bn and the 14th Motor Trans Bn, all units mentioned in the present report are known by their numbers. Allowing for minor changes in disposition, the following units may continue to be carried in their previous billeting areas:

Senica-Levice-Bratislava area. 9th Inf Div with the 7th, 12th and 39th Inf Regts, the 9th Arty Regt and the 259th AT Arty Bn.

Kosice-Presov area. 10th Inf Div with the 14th, 20th and 32d Inf Regts, the 11th Arty Regt and the 261st AT Arty Bn.

Zilina area. 22d Mtz Arty Brig with the 109th and 110th Arty Regts.

Kosice-Zilina-Topolcany area. 8th Arty Brig with the 307th, 308th and 317th Arty Bns.

Lipt. Sv. Mikulas-Bratislava area. 153d, 188th and 189th AAA Regts.

Bratislava area. 4th Engr Regt, 14th River Engr Bn and 62d Inf Bn.

Lipt. Sv. Mikulas area. 2d Railroad Bn.

Bzenec area. 53d Mtz Arty Regt of the 3d Mtz Inf Div in the Kromeriz area.

Units which have been carried in other areas to date include the 4th Arty Regt of the 14th Inf Div in the M. Boloslav area; and the 5th Arty Regt of the 1st Inf Div in the Cos. Judojevica area. The 4th and 5th Arty Regts are reported to be stationed in Slovakia for the first time. If this information is correct, it would imply that a reorganization has also been effected in the areas of the 1st and 14th Inf Divs.

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